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APPEAL BRIEF PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §§ 41.31 AND 41.37

Appellants hereby electronically file this Appeal Brief in furtherance to the Notice of Appeal and Pre-Appeal Brief Request for Review electronically filed on July 16, 2008, and the Notice of Panel Decision from Pre-Appeal Brief Review mailed on July 31, 2008 and also in response to the Notification of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief mailed on April 8, 2009.

As reason for non-compliance, it has been mentioned in the Notification of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief mailed on April 8, 2009 that the summary of the claimed subject matter does not refer to the claim 1 on appeal explicitly to the specification by page and line numbers and to the drawings if any. It was further mentioned that the entire brief is not required and only the section that was found defective is required. After reviewing the most recent Response, the Appeal Brief filed on September 4, 2008, Appellants noticed that the Appeal Brief lacked the requisite compliance. Appellants hereby resubmit only Section 5. "SUMMARY OF CLAIMED SUBJECT MATTER," with corrected parts with this Response.

If for some reason this Response fails to correct the non-compliance that warranted the subject Notice, Appellants respectfully request a new, more complete Notice be sent and a new time period be set for reply.

5. **SUMMARY OF CLAIMED SUBJECT MATTER**

The present application contains independent claims 1, 16, 27, 80, and 83. However, independent claims 16, 27, 80, and 83 are currently withdrawn from consideration. Thus, only independent claim 1 and its dependent claims are the subject of this appeal.

With regard to the embodiment of the invention set forth in independent claim 1, discussions of the recited features of claim 1 can be found at least in the below cited locations of the specification and drawings. Independent claim 1 includes a home laundry machine (e.g., 10, 200, 500), comprising: a laundry enclosure (e.g., 12, 202, 556) adapted to clean laundry (e.g., 50, 204) in a cleaning fluid (e.g., 68, 208). *See, e.g., id.*, page 3, paragraph 17, lines 1-10, page 4, paragraph 17, lines 1-8, page 4, paragraph 18, lines 1-11, page 5, paragraphs 20-22, lines 1-31, page 6, paragraph 24, lines 1-12; page 7, paragraph 26, lines 1-7, page 8, paragraph 29, lines 1-13, page 9, paragraph 29, lines 1-15, page 17, paragraph 45, lines 1-17, page 17, paragraph 46, lines 1-12, page 18, paragraph 46, lines 1-2, page 19, paragraph 49, lines 1-21, page 20, paragraph 50, lines 1-11, page 20, paragraph 51, lines 1-10, *see also* FIGS 2-5, 7, 8, and 12. The home laundry machine (e.g., 10, 200, 500) also includes a drying mechanism (e.g., 52, 206, 310) pneumatically coupled to the laundry enclosure (e.g., 12, 202, 556) via an air inlet (e.g., 100, 246) and an air outlet (e.g., 102, 248). *See, e.g., id.*, page 5, paragraph 21, lines 1-13, page 7, paragraph 28, line 1- page 10, paragraph 30, line 13; page 15, paragraph 42, lines 1-15, page 16, paragraph 42, lines 1-7, *see also* FIGS. 2-5, 7, 8, and 12. The drying mechanism (e.g., 52, 206, 310) comprises a vapor compression cycle system (e.g., 258) comprising a condenser (e.g., 260), an evaporator (e.g., 262), and a compressor (e.g., 264) disposed in a closed fluid path (e.g., 268, 270, 272, 274). *See, e.g., id.*, page 2, paragraph 8, lines 1-3, page 2, paragraph 9, lines

1-3, page 5, paragraph 20, lines 1-8, page 10, paragraph 31, line 1- page 12, paragraph 35, line 12, *see also* FIGS. 4 and 5. The condenser (e.g., 260) is configured to heat air upstream of the air inlet (e.g., 100, 246), and the evaporator (e.g., 262) is configured to cool air downstream of the air outlet (e.g., 102, 248). *See, e.g., id.*, page 10, paragraph 31, line 1- page 12, paragraph 35, line 12, *see also* FIGS. 4 and 5.

Conclusion

In view of the arguments presented herein, Appellants respectfully submit that all pending claims are in condition for allowance. However, if the Examiner or the Board wishes to resolve any other issues by way of a telephonic conference, the Examiner or Board is kindly invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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